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Congress Facts

Registrations for the Congress to-led 902.

The attendance at the men's ban-iet was 535.

There were 350 women at the Thurs-ay luncheon, and that did not include elegations from some of the local urches that ate elsewhere then came for the program.

More than 300 young people ban-eted together Tuesday night and eard Dr. Fred B. Smith, our national oderator. First Berkeley young peo-e ate at Stiles Hall because all laces at the tables were taken by isitors.

Fifty-five pastors of the Northern alifornia Conference lunched togeth-r Thursday noon.

Attendance during the day ran close o a thousand at most sessions. In the vening it went up to nearly 1,300.

The Tuesday and Thursday evening rograms were broadcast over KRE, s were some of the addresses given n the day meetings.

Three Congress speakers, Rev. Har-ld M. Kingsley, Dr. Lewis T. Reed, nd Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer were heard ver KTAB for half an hour each from he Chapel of the Chimes.

Newspapers of Northern California arried 942 column inches of space in iving the Congress publicity.

In addition to those present from daho, Washington, Oregon, Arizona nd Southern California, there were nen present at the banquet from 68 hurches of Northern California. There were men present from Alturas and Eureka on the north to Porterville and Pacific Grove on the south.

The Methodist Book Concern and he Pacific Book Service had displays of books and literature at the Congress.

No motions were passed and no reso-utions were adopted by the Congress, but a report of the Committee on Findings was read at the Thursday afternoon session. This report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The officers of the Regional Com-nittee which serves during the interim between Congress were elected: Rev. Harley H. Gill of Nothern Califonia will be the chairman and Rev. Sidney Buckham of Southern California will be the secretary for the ensuing two years.

The Congress was indebted not only to the Program Committee, but to Rev. Rudolph Ericson, who was chairman of the Publicity Committee, and to Rev. James H. Price, who was released by the Fairfax Church for a month to promote registrations and the men's banquet.

THANK OFFERING

The churches of this state who are planning the regular fall Thank Offering are asked to make the general apportionment needs of the church the object of their giving. Before we can claim a real advance to the special effort that is now being made for $8,200 we must bring our regular benevolences for 1930 up to the average of the previous three years.

Thank offering boxes, envelopes, invitations and programs may be obtained from the Conference Office at slight expense.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES

REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE
PACIFIC SLOPE CONGRESS, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
Berkeley, California, September 30, October 1, 2

After hearing many notable speakers on the theme "Conform or Transform" the following statements were presented and concurred in as giving expression to its temper and spirit:

A. The church has been subtly influenced and has allowed itself to be conformed in a real measure to the prevalent materialism of modern life which manifests itself in a social order in which property is valued above personality, in the rising cult of nationalism breeding war, and in the un-Christian tendencies of much of modern thought with its attendant attitudes of cynicism and pessimism.

B. The church needs to face all these facts squarely and unflinchingly accepting its due share of blame.

C. We realize the gigantic proportions of the modern opponents of the Christian life.

D. We remain undaunted. We affirm the indispensability of religion. We feel that the religion of Jesus alone can give to the human heart satisfying answers to its ultimate questions, bringing direction, poise and power in the midst of the confusion and the stress of circumstance, supplying the vision of a world transformed into the Kingdom of God, and furnishing the dynamic to make men sharers with God in the creation of this Kingdom.

E. We hear the call for leadership, open-minded and courageous—leadership that will withstand the lure of comfort and position, leadership that will rethink and fearlessly proclaim the basic concepts of Jesus, and leadership that will when occasion warrants lead in social action.

F. We call for an heroic church membership infused with divine discontent over the un-Christian forces that permeate our social order—a church membership that will rally around its leaders when they address themselves to unpopular issues, and a membership that, refusing any longer to conform, sets itself steadfastly to the task of making Christian the spheres of modern thought, business, racial contacts and international relation.

Missionary Dollars

Readers of the Christian Century who have been disturbed by a recent article in that paper by Charles Stafford Brown, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Colorado Springs, on "Juggling the Missionary Dollar," will be interested in the following telegram:

"Association meeting Colorado Springs yesterday Charles Stafford Brown author Juggling Missionary Dollar led three hour discussion in effort to make good his criticism administration missionary funds. I had carefully prepared my answer with facts, figures meeting every point Brown could raise. Discussion ended with adoption resolutions presented by Brown chairman resolutions committee approving administration methods and pledging full and increased support to world program. Secretary White very helpful.

A. J. SULLENS."
(Supt. of Colorado.)

The resolutions above referred to were as follows:

"WHEREAS, the question of the administration of Home Misison funds has become an issue of paramount importance and interest to this Association, this State, and the entire denomination; and

"WHEREAS, this matter has been discussed with much light and little heat, resulting in sincere appreciation of the problems involved; therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED:

"1. That we renew our pledge of loyalty to the mission enterprises at home and abroad, and reaffirm our determination to give more rather than less;

"2. That we favor every possible advance toward complete openness in administration of mission funds, and every movement in the direction of harmonizing the basis of promotion and expenditure. . . . "

Junior Membership

Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell has worked out a plan of junior church membership. The children are trained to worship at the same hour as the adults and in the same building but are dismissed after their exercises are finished. The minister and his co-workers single out those who are especially interested and suggest to them the next step of junior membership. The names of the children are then submitted to the church, but the minister is given great freedom in the decision. There is no age limit as far as entrance is concerned, but junior membership automatically closes at the age of 18. The junior member then either seeks senior membership in the regular way or permits the junior membership to lapse.

This plan enables the minister to give intimate instruction in group meetings. It removes parental objections to early church affiliations and denominat onal prejudices. Mr. Bennett reports that five of the young men who were once received into such junior membership in a former church are now serving as deacons in the church proper.

GUEST BOOK

What a joy it would be to have 28 of the ambassadors of our church as guests in your home. You can have them and without the anxiety and labor that always accompany house guests. The Guest Book will bring them to you. One each day for 28 days, from India, from Japan, from China, from Greece, from Africa, and from many parts of our own country and other countries, these noble and attractive people will come telling you the fascinating stories of their work. Ask your pastor for the Guest Book or write to the Conference Office at once.

$8,200 The Plan of Advance

In a fine spirit of cooperation, the pastors and churches of the Northern California Congregational Conference have launched a campaign for raising the full amount of this quota.

Fifty per cent of the money raised will go for much needed Conference work.

Thirty per cent will be used in Foreign Missionary work.

Twenty per cent will be sent to the Home Boards.

The Commission on Missions is backing this campaign by providing the services of Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, at no expense to the State Conference, to take charge of the campaign.

Already twenty pastors have signified their willingness to give one or two Sundays in an exchange of pulpits, following it up by from two to three days of solicitation among individual members of the church. In this way about fifty churches will be reached. No appeal for money will be made at any of the church services. Instead, the pastors will present the great motive of our world-wide work, the wonderful opportunities opening up, and the present need and crisis.

What Does the Raising of This Money Mean?

It means sacrifice. That we are ready to give until it hurts.

It means that the central thing in our lives is Christ, and the advancement of His Kingdom here on earth.

It means that our Conference can go forward in its work for city and rural churches, for Orientals and Indians, for our young people in Conferences and scholarships.

It means that we are ready to stand behind and support our work and workers throughout the world, who are on the firing line, giving their lives for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

THE PRAYER CYCLE

There is increasing interest in the prayer cycle, which is being carried forward by the Commission on Missions. Mrs. Charles H. Daniels prepares the material. Each day through the year there is presented for the intercession of our people some special phase of our missionary work. Those who follow the cycle through its entire three years will have brought before them for thought and prayer all the important missionary enterprises which are being carried on by our denominational forces throughout our own land and the world. Those interested may subscribe for the little leaflets at the rate of 20 cents per year. Subscriptions may be sent to the Conference Office.

The pulpit at First Congregational Church, San Francisco, is having as pulpit supply a number of notable preachers, including Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, D. D., of the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C., Rev. Charles E. Jefferson of Broadway Tabernacle, New York, and Rev. Robert Porter of Kansas City, Mo.

TRAVEL LIBRARY

This library of ten books is loaned to our churches by the Education Society. For the benefit of those who may be interested, we are listing below the books which comprise this library, for all age groups in the church:

1. THE STORY OF MUSA, by Mary Entwistle. A collection of eight stories about Musa of Egypt. Attractively illustrated. For children of primary age. Juniors will also like it.
2. LITTLE KIN CHAN, by Bertha Converse. Stories of a little Japanese girl and her dog, "The Crab." For primary or older children.
3. UNCLE SAM'S FAMILY, by Dorothy McConnell. Ten stories of boys and girls of different nationalities, colors or social experience who make up Uncle Sam's Family. Written for juniors but popular with those who are older.
4. PAZ AND PABLO, by A. F. Mitchell. The story of a boy and girl of the Philippines. For juniors or intermediates.
5. THE SPIRIT OF THE STREET, by Priscilla Holton. A charming collection of true stories of child life in China. For intermediates, young people or adults.
6. BLAZING NEW TRAILS, by Arthur Wallace. The life stories of fifteen Christians who did their work in other lands. Vividly told for young people from twelve to sixteen years of age.
7. YOUTH AND THE NEW AMERICA, by G. B. Oxnam. For young people or adults. A challenge to work for "the new home missions" by intelligently facing such problems as those of race, industry and international relations.
8. SPLENDOR OF GOD, by Honore W. Morrow. A novel which tells the dramatic story of Adoniram and Ann Judson. For young people and adults.
9. THE ROAD TO PLENTY, by William T. Foster and Waddill Catchings. For adults. A readable argument for getting at causes rather than cases. A plea—not for the giving of charity, but for eliminating the need of charity.
10. RELIGION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, by Sherwood Eddy. For adults. A study of our present racial, economic and international strife, and a call to put religion at work to redeem this social strife through seeking a new discovery of God.

OUR INCOME

Contributions at the end of August for all benevolences received at the Conference office showed a loss of $1,294.79 over the corresponding period of 1929. During September we made a gain of $266.24 over September of a year ago, so that for the first nine months of the year we are $1,028.55 behind the receipts of the first nine months of 1929.

These facts call for hard work and careful attention on the part of our church leaders for the remaining three months of the year.

The Golden Rule Foundation has released figures showing how the people of the nation spend a dollar. Out of every dollar spent in the entire country 24½c are used for living costs, 22c for luxuries, 11c for investments, 13½c for miscellaneous items, 14c out of every dollar is wasted. Crime costs 8¼c, government 4½, schools 1½c, and churches ¾c.

Regardless of creed, sect or political differences the real strength of a city is measured by the population which makes up its church going public.

—Bridgeport Telegram.

Filipino Wages

Recently some of the large growers in the Salinas Valley joined in an effort to force down the wages of Filipino laborers from 40c to 35c an hour. Rev. P. F. Royola, our missionary in the valley, was called in and very earnestly urged upon the growers the unfairness of reducing wages when the Filipinos were already the objects of the hatred of the American labor for working too cheaply. Mr. Royola pointed out that if they were compelled to accept the reduced wage the growers would be responsible for the prejudice against the Filipino because of his competition with American labor. In spite of the protest the reduction was made, but later advices indicate that most of the growers have gone back to the 40c per hour level.

MISSIONARY SURVEY

An intensive study of foreign missions, occupying about two hours, has been launched by a joint committee representing, at present, six leading Protestant denominations in this country, with the prospect of others uniting later. This study was inspired by an address delivered before a group of laymen at a luncheon in the University Club, New York, January 17, 1930, by Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the International Missionary Council. Its purposes will be to appraise the results and prospects of the foreign missionary enterprise carried on by some of the leading church bodies of North America.

The study is being undertaken by the laymen independently of the mission boards, but with their fullest and heartiest cooperation, and will be financed by the laymen apart from their contributions to their denominational missionary budgets. It will be restricted, for the time being, to three countries, Japan, China and India, including Burma.

Friendship Institute

The First Church of Oakland has arranged a World Friendship Institute for six Sunday evenings beginning October 5. At the 6:30 period the young people have as guests the societies of other churches, including Armenians, Hindus, Chinese, Filipinos, and Japanese. At 7:30 all groups assemble for a worship service, following which there is a motion picture appropriate to the nation which is being emphasized for the evening. Following the motion picture there is a forum address for adults and an hour devoted to stories, pictures and hand work for the children. The forum speakers are as follows: Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, Dr. Herman F. Swartz, Mr. Thomas John, Mr. Pei Yu Li, Rev. T. A. Cabacungan, Dr. Roy Akagi.

A COMMON CREED

The covenant which members make when uniting with the Grace-Trinity Center United Church:

AN INVITATION

If it is your desire to bring
Joy to little children,
High ideal to youth, and
Inspiration to men and women;
If you would help to establish
A common loyalty to Jesus Christ,
A common passion to work for the betterment of mankind,
A common purpose among all men
to do justly
to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with God;
If you believe in a United Church with
An open mind,
A brotherly heart,
A social vision, and
An evangelistic passion to life up Christ as Lord,
We cordially invite and urge you to unite with
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NEWS NOTES

Miss Mary Coxhead has begun her work at Fort Bidwell, making 43 calls during the first three weeks of her effort. She is meeting with the Indian children of junior age and Indian women, and has also conducted service in the white church and formed a girls' choir.

Rev. John T. Munton has been busy in Calaveras County during his first month, preaching eight times and making over 40 pastoral visits. He hopes to hold services at Vallecito as well as at Murphy and Angel's Camp.

Rev. Reed B. Cherington of San Carlos has recovered from a three weeks' illness of pneumonia.

The Grace-Trinity Center United Church, of which our Bethany-Mission Park Church forms a unit, reports average congregations for September of 354, an average attendance at midweek services of 287. The total attendance at all club meetings and services for the month amounts to 8,400.

The Benicia Church is facing a serious situation as the result of the opening of the Southern Pacific Bridge. This will result in taking off the train ferry boats and the removing of a good many railroad people. Rev. E. W. Houlding, the pastor, has done a splendid work in Benicia and the church very earnestly desires him to remain on the field, although the income threatens to be reduced by 30 per cent.

The Ocean View Church of San Francisco, under the leadership of Mr. James Salmon, has a successful Sunday School, with the boys organized into Pioneer and Friendly Indian groups. The monthly church nights, with dinners, have proven to be of great value in the community.

Rev. Robert James Allen of Trinity County parish, is organizing a Sunday School at Minersville. He has Sunday School extension pupils at several places where there are not sufficient members for a school. The Sunday School at Hayfork has been reorganized and is going forward splendidly. Visits are being made to Big Bar, Helena, Junction City, Trinity Center and Hyampom. One of his recent trips took him 150 miles over mountain roads, and required from Thursday to Sunday evening to complete.

Rev. C. H. Cleaves, of Pilgrim Church, Oakland, has set for himself the task of visiting every Sunday School home between November 1 and Easter. The Pilgrim Church has clubs for girls and boys of all ages. "Go to Church Sunday" brought out a congregation of 150.

Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, after six years at Broadmoor, has accepted the call to Lodi to begin October 15. Mr. Sherman came to Broadmoor from the Hawaiian Islands where he was associated with Dr. Albert W. Palmer as director of religious education. When he took up the work at Broadmoor, the church was very small, meeting in a one-room building. He leaves the church with a magnificent new plant valued at more than $40,000, with a membership of more than 160, and with organizations for children, young people and adults that would do credit to a much larger church. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman deserve the gratitude not only of the church but of the entire Conference for bringing this project to its present happy situation.

IN MEMORIAM
REV. CHAUNCEY J. HAWKINS, D.D.

Resolved: That the Board of Directors of the Northern California Congregational Churches records its deep sense of loss through the tragic death of Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins, minister of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, California. As a member of this board he was a brother beloved, whose counsel, because of its wisdom and insight, was always of value. Through his death our fellowship at large suffers an irreparable loss. His brilliant intellectual leadership, striking pulpit ability and intense spirit of devotion were not alone a source of inspiration to his own church, but also brought cheer and help to ministers and churches everywhere on the Pacific Coast. Truly a prince hath fallen in Israel.

We extend to the officers and members of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, our deepest sympathy in the problems they confront through the sudden loss of such great and successful leadership. We assure them of our interest and concern and of our united prayer that they may be guided in this time of perplexity.

To Mrs. Hawkins and her family we offer our tenderest condolences and sympathetic regard in this trying hour of bereavement. Our prayer is that divine grace may guide and sustain them in the days to come and that comfort may be theirs as they realize the deep esteem everyone who knew Dr. Hawkins had for him. Though in time we shall see his face no more, his influence and work will abide through the years to come.

It is resolved that these resolutions shall be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Directors and that copies shall be sent to Mrs. Hawkins and to the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

Harley H. Gill, Superintendent,
Benjamin Gould, President,
Board of Directors

WELL DONE, SONOMA

The per capita giving of the Sonoma Church for the past three years is as follows:

1927	$3.50
1928	4.23
1929	3.80

If the entire Conference had equalled Sonoma's per capita giving it would have had $17,000 more than it has received. The average per capita for the Conference during the past three years has been $3.03, or less than 6c per week per member.

Rev. James W. Price, recently of Portland, Oregon, and the father of Rev. James H. Price of Fairfax, has undertaken the leadership of our church at Guerneville for a three months' period.

The Stockton Church is celebrating "Home Coming Week" with an old-fashioned harvest home service on Sunday, October 12.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

News From the West Coast of Mexico

A HISTORIC CHURCH

e of the governors of the large important State of Jalisco, Mexsome seventy or more years ago, Dr. Ignacio Herrera y Cairo. He been professor in the medical ol of Guadalajara before being en governor. He was of profound al convictions and during his occupation of the governorship arried out with vigor the law that ined the closing of all convents. greatly incensed the Roman Cathparty which decided to avenge procedure.

hen Dr. Herrera y Cairo retired politics he devoted himself to care of his hacienda near Ahua-, a town about fifty miles west of lalajara. He was famous for his tesy and his charity. The first of y month he sent his servant with ag of money to a certain drug e. After some time the servant me curious to learn how the doc- could have contracted so large a . When he asked the druggist, he informed that the "debt" that the or was discharging was to the ! He prescribed for the poor with- charge and then gave them orders he drug store for the medicines.

hen the "conservative" army came that region, Dr. Herrera y Cairo arrested and taken to Ahualulco. was charged with no offense but t he did as governor in carrying the laws. As soon as it was known he was a prisoner great numbers he populace, not only of the city also from the surrounding country, ud ng many devoted Roman Caths, hastened to beg for the life of doctor. Large sums of money were red for his freedom, and the doc- s servant implored the officer to ot him instead of his master. The erals were implacable, saying that hing would satisfy them but the tor's life. He was shot, standing inst an ash tree in the central za, and his body was hung from tree.

n 1873 the house in front of that e was rented to the Congregational ssion and was occupied by Rev. n Stephens, who with Rev. David Watkins was one of the first gradus of the Pacific School of Religion, ng to Guadalajara with Mr. and s. Watkins in 1872. Soon the village est became alarmed at the success the evangelical work and aroused much feeling that a mob attacked house and brutally murdered Mr. phens and his Mexican companion, Islas.

s the house was considered to be taminated by heresy, no one would t it and the owner offered it for e. One of the converts, a Sr. Garcia, ed by others, bought the house and has been an evangelical center ever ce, services being held in the front ms.

Now the pastor, Rev. Filiberto Alrez, a graduate of the Union Semiry, is heading a movement to erect imple church edifice with additional ms for Sunday School and social rk. The members of the church ve pledged sums that are surprisly large in consideration of their cumstances; but it will be impossle for them to carry out their plan thout substantial aid.

t is a fine opportunity for investing what will be, at the same time, a morial to a Congregational martyr d a gospel center for a populous gion. As labor and material are eap and much of it will be given, e building can be erected for about o thousand dollars. The buildings ed for evangelical services in Mexico have not, all of them, been a credit to the cause. The plans for this project have been carefully made. They are simple, but conform to the character of the country and are well adapted to the uses to which they will be put.

Any who wish to contribute to this most worthy cause can remit their contribution to Rev. A. C. Wright, treasurer of the Mission, at 536 West Sixth Street, Claremont, California.

The Mexicans have the belief that any tree in which a man has been hung will soon wither and die. Whether from this cause or by a coincidence, that tree soon died; but it was replaced by another which is now large and thrifty. It may be of interest to know that, after the execution of Dr. Herrera y Cairo, the people of the town and vicinity rose up in arms, captured the two generals, Pielago and Monayo, and executed them.

The federal government of President Diaz made many arrests for the murder of Mr. Stephens and seven of the leaders of the mob were executed. An order was issued for the arrest of the priest, but he escaped. Ten years later, this same priest, Reynoso, was located in the town of Tenamistlan and incited a mob to attack the house in which Mr. Watkins was holding services. The missionary and others would probably have been killed had it not been for the opportune arrival of federal troops, who took Mr. Watkins to Guadalajara under guard. The priest escaped again, and later died in a remote village.

As the Mexican churches are becoming more completely independent, it is a privilege to take especial interest now in helping them to secure more dignified and serviceable houses for worship and community service. Cooperation in this means not only an investment in a fruitful institution, but also a gesture of friendliness and good wishes to the national church, and a new bond of common interest, and at the same time a fitting monument to a consecrated life given for the planting of the gospel in that region.

RECOGNITION SERVICES FOR MISSIONARIES TO THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO

The First Congregational Church of Santa Ana, California, held a service of interest to all Congregational Churches on Sunday morning, August 24, at which three young women, who are to teach in Mexico, were given recognition as representatives of the Congregational Churches, and were charged with carrying into Mexico ideals of Christian living, backed by the membership of the Congregational Churches of the United States, and especially by the Southern California Conference, which has direct charge of the missionary work on the west coast of Mexico, where there are four Congregational schools, and about 20 Congregational Churches.

The young women given recognition were Miss Catherine Poppleton, of Portland, Ore., a graduate of the University of Oregon, at Eugene; Miss Bonnie Korns, of San Gabriel, Calif., a graduate of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Miss Virginia W. Powell, a member of the Santa Ana Church, and a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. They are being sent to Guadalajara, Mazatlan and Hermosillo. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vredenburgh, also on their way to Mexico, where Mr. Vredenburgh, who comes from the faculty of the University of Nebraska, will join the faculty of the Colegio Internacional in Guadalajara, were also present, with their baby son. A similar service had been held for them Sunday morning, August 17, in the Community Church at Claremont, Cal.

The sermon at the Santa Ana Church was by the pastor, Rev. Perry F. Schrock, who used as texts, Eph. 2-20, 22 and 1 Cor. 3:10, and stressed the thought of human lives as buildings, and teachers as builders. "God must live in humanity through human lives. The Temple of God in humanity must include all humanity. Mexico cannot be left out, and to be included in the Temple of God must learn how to overcome ignorance, superstition and poverty. These young teachers should be thought of as our partners in the common task of making the living of humanity and the living of God synonymous." An eloquent charge to the young women was delivered by Mrs. E. B. Allen, of Pasadena, president of the Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California, second assistant moderator of the Congregational Conference of Southern California, member of the Conference Commission on Missions on the West Coast of Mexico, and mother of Miss Bertha Allen of the Union Kindergarten Training School of Foochow, China. Mrs. Allen reminded the young teachers that they are going out as missionaries, "ones sent," but that they need never feel that they have been sent and then forgotten, as they have the earnest backing of the Congregationalists of the United States, and most specially of the Southern California Conference; that they are our representatives to carry the ideals and the joy of Christian living to those they contact through the school work; that the promise of the Master to be with those He sent extends to them also; that they might say, if times of discouragement come, "'As the mountains are round about' Hermosillo, 'so the Lord is round about His people,'" or "'The sea is His and He made it,' and here where Mazatlan looks out over the beauty of this Pacific harbor I know His power may be assuredly called on," or, in the great city of Guadalajara, "I have much people in this city, and no one shall harm thee." Mr. C. E. Crawford, superintendent of Mexican mission work in the Pomona Valley, of Southern California, gave a welcome to the field of work, assuring the young teachers of a cordial welcome to a country now so intensely interested in education for its people.

Following the morning service, Mr. and Mrs. Schrock entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crawford and their three fine young sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vredenburgh and their small son, and the three young ladies honored in the service of recognition, Miss Korns, Miss Poppleton and Miss Powell, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sallie P. Powell.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT MAZATLAN

The architect is working on plans for the new building at Mazatlan, and we hope the building will soon be under way. The school has been asked to vacate the quarters it has occupied for four or five years, and the need for a permanent building is quite imperative.

THE SEMINAR IN MEXICO

The Seminar in Mexico held its fifth annual session in Mexico City, July 5 to 25. This series of conferences is the first project of the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, whose executive secretary is Mr. Hubert Herring, and has for its purpose the education of American public opinion as to the culture, achievements and ambitions of the Mexican people.

The membership of the Seminar this year reached 184, the largest so far, and double that of last year. It was made up, as before, of people from all over the United States—writers, editors, educators, lecturers, clergymen, lawyers, business men, etc.—people who for the most part are able to pass on their information and impressions to large circles. The group was made up of Jews, Catholics and others —no one point of view or propaganda in any line being advocated, except that of friendship and understanding.

The program consisted of lectures by prominent Mexican scholars, government officials and others, including some visiting experts from the United States; round table discussions of outstanding problems, and trips to important institutions and places in the neighborhood of Mexico City. Mexican leaders and the people in general have shown a warm hospitality and appreciation for the type of approach made by this seminar method.

It so happened that most of the American Board representatives in Mexico were helping on the Seminar staff—Mr. Champe with field trips, Miss Parsons, Miss Schuebel and Mr. Leach with translation work, and Mr. Neff with hotel arrangements. After the regular sessions, Mr. Champe conducted a group down to Oaxaca, and Mr. Neff brought one to Guadalajara. The survivors of both of these joined forces for a visit to Nichoacan, and later a second group came to Guadalajara.

News Items

The annual meeting of the Congregational Churches of Mexico was held at Tepic, June 23-29. This fine old colonial town set among beautiful hills and gardens made a most happy place for these sessions. One of the advances made by this meeting was the appointment of Rev. Alfonso Pirera Gallardo as treasurer of the churches. All funds appropriated for evangelistic work will be sent directly to him from California, instead of being handled through an American treasurer here.

The Champe family and Miss Schuebel left for furlough early in August, the latter to her home in Nebraska and the former to the Champe home at Dublin, Indiana. In September they will drive to Mrs. Champe's home at Hebron, Connecticut.

Due to ill health Miss Wright has had to take her furlough a year early, and is at present at Claremont, California, where we are glad to hear she is making a rapid recovery.

Miss Ramona Salazar has been granted a scholarship in the School of Social Work of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and will begin her studies there in September with a view to preparing herself further for settlement work in Mexico.

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SWIMMING POOL AT GUADALAJARA

Something over a year ago Miss Ramona Salazar launched a campaign to raise funds for a swimming pool for the school. Entertainments were given, projects of various kinds were put across, and with all this activity something over five hundred pesos were raised by the end of the school year. However, this was far short of the amount necessary so the building of the pool was postponed until this year. When the Commission on Mexico of the Southern California Conference voted an extra grant of five hundred dollars to this school it was decided to use as much of this amount as necessary towards the pool (with the approval of the Commission) and active work was started on it in February, and the pool completed the last of April. It has been a boon to the students, big and little, boarders and day pupils. The showers have not yet been installed in the dressing rooms because of lack of funds, but these can easily be put in in the fall.

NEW PASTORS

The following churches have called new pastors:

Seeley—Rev. John C. Spencer, formerly at Wasco, has been called to the pastorate of the Seeley Church, has accepted, and is at work on the field.

Tehachapi and Mojave—Have called Rev. Theodore C. Williams, formerly of Kohala Union Church, Kohala, Hawaii.

Burbank—Has called Rev. J. V. Bloom of Gallup, New Mexico. Rev. Ralph B. Larkin of Claremont is acting as ad interim pastor on this field until the arrival of Mr. Bloom.

Maricopa—Has called Rev. J. W. Elliott, formerly of Stockton, California.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The San Bernardino Association meets on October 8. The San Diego Association meeting is held October 10. The Kern Association meets October 14. The Los Angeles Association meeting will be held October 21. It is a wonderful privilege which the associations are enjoying this year in hearing Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, D. D., formerly pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle. Dr. Jefferson will make several addresses in Los Angeles and San Diego. Other speakers from outside the Conference at the association meetings are Rev. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, American Board Missionary from India and Miss Mary Preston, secretary for the Home Boards. Rev. E. P. Ryland, executive secretary, and Rev. Sidney Buckham, educational secretary, will speak for the Conference work.

News of the Churches

WILLOWBROOK CHURCH HAS NEW ADDITION

On September 14 the Willowbrook Church held a dedication service for the new addition to the church plant which had been completed during the summer. The members and friends of the church are rejoicing in the evidence of the beautiful spirit of hearty cooperation and helpfulness that prevailed as their plans were realized. The congested condition, especially in the Bible school, demanded that the church plant be enlarged. This addition with a floor space of 58x30 feet provides for the primary and intermediate departments and also makes more adequate facilities with the enlarged kitchen, cloak rooms and rest rooms, drinking fountain, etc., thus the urgent needs of the growing work are more adequately met.

More than 50 families made free-will offerings in cash, in amounts ranging from one dollar to two hundred dollars. Twenty-seven men donated labor on the building, a number of them working as much as ten days, under the efficient leadership of J. M. Morrow, who is adviser to the building committee and gladly donated his labor for more than a month as well as giving a substantial cash donation. Mrs. Chamberlain, a lady visiting in the community, gladly donated 14 shades for the windows. Some of the merchants supplied the necessary materials, while the ladies provided the dinners a number of times for the men who worked on the building. A happy response to every appeal is encouraging and most refreshing.

Almost every day or night of the week this church building is kept open for the services of various kinds. A most cordial welcome is awaiting one and all who desire a share in the services of this community church.

The pastor, Rev. James K. Higginbotham, is rejoicing as he looks backward over his thirty years as a Congregational minister, and as he closes his third year as pastor of the church at Willowbrook. He is glad to share in this good work as he notes the loyalty and devotedness of so many of the neighbors, friends and church members.

DR. AND MRS. JOHN GARDNER OF RIVERSIDE CELEBRATE THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years of happy friendship inspired the gathering of members of the First Congregational Church of Riverside recently when a reception was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John Gardner in the church parlors. In December Dr. and Mrs. Gardner will celebrate their tenth anniversary at the Congregational Church and the reception was an expression of the deep loyalty and good fellowship they have attracted and held to them. That is a long pastorate as pastorates go in any denomination, and Dr. Gardner has shown himself an able preacher and a sympathetic and capable pastor. Moreover, he has been a loyal Riversider, deeply interested in various community movements for the betterment of the city. His inspiring leadership and sound advice have not been confined to the church, and the people of the city generally appreciate the service he has rendered.

GUEST BOOKS

Up to date the Conference Office has sent out thirty-five hundred guest books to the churches and the orders are still coming in.

LOYALTY SUNDAY FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE CHURCHES

November 23 has been set aside as Loyalty Sunday for the churches of our Conference.

Josiah Royce speaks of the spirit of loyalty as "the central spirit of the moral and reasonable life of man." It means fidelity to a personality, perhaps first of all to one's deepest and truest self. Supremely it means wholehearted devotion to Christ.

Missions are a creative expression of our comradeship and partnership with Christ. Congregational missions have been built up through the years and now exist as a creation of the spirit of loyalty to Christ.

Loyalty Sunday should be a reaffirmation of our stand beside His in His redemptive outlook upon the world. We say again, "The World is our Parish." Through this whole Plan of Advance we say it more deeply with greater meaning and with our adequate expression in action.

If the church has been able to do nothing financially through the Plan of Advance during the year, it may accomplish its whole advance on Loyalty Sunday.

If a church has made some real advance during the year in both actual contributions and pledges, on Loyalty Sunday the work can be completed and the goal achieved.

If a church has secured its 20 per cent advance, on this Loyalty Sunday which is being generally observed throughout the country it may wish to make an additional gift or to honor the achievement of the congregation by a service of thanksgiving and missionary inspiration.

Loyalty Sunday is an opportunity for the church as a whole to participate in the Advance. The appeal will not be merely to a few well-to-do individuals or mainly for large gifts; everyone will be asked to give according to his ability.

The thing to do right now is to move forward from mere thinking in terms of a Plan of Advance and begin to advance toward Loyalty Sunday, November 23, as the day for a great Thank-Offering for this enterprise.

PROLONGING LIFE

The following letter from a member of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers seems to indicate that those who carry life annuities may be expected to live longer and more happily than those who have no such security:

"For three years I have received $500 a year from your Fund; for two years I have been pastor of the ——— Congregational Church, and shall continue so indefinitely. I wish you could realize the freedom from anxiety this annuity brings to me. But from the side of the Fund it works rather a "vicious circle" for the freedom from worry has resulted in a vigorous health that is distressing to my physician and portends a burden upon the Fund for many years.

"I have been informed that many ministers leave their annuity in your treasury. On what terms is this done?"

The trustees of the Annuity Fund are very glad indeed to receive deposits in any amount to provide additional annuity benefits. Up to the present time $163,635 of such deposits have been received and credited to members of the Annuity Fund. The accumulation of annuity payments of $500 annually for three years would amount to approximately $1,600, which would yield a joint annuity at 68 for husband and wife of the same age of $162—a single life annuity of $200.

Dr. Kenngott Improvin

Dr. Kenngott is improving stead
In a letter recently received from
he writes: "As for myself I am m
ing good progress slow but sure.
had the great pleasure of having
us for four or six days our Los
geles physician, Dr. and Mrs. C
who were on their way to Austra
He seemed pleased with my progr
and gave me a new course of tr
ment which he thinks will restore
to my former health and strength.

"For several days we have had he
rain and more rain, and I am re
longing today for sunshine and So
ern California. The climate here se
different from what it was four ye
ago when we had lots of sunshine
seems to me the Hawaiian Isla
have moved to the South Sea Islan

"Meanwhile, I should like to kn
what is the plural of "Mongoose."
had quite an exciting time recently
a party when I proposed that quest
to the group. I seemed to be the o
one to know, and I was quite pr
of myself.

"Mrs. Kenngott joins with me
cordial aloha to all our friends
Southern California."

MISSIONARIES FROM THE ONTARIO CHURCH

Bethel Congregational Church of
tario rejoices in having two splen
young women on the way to the m
sion field under appointment of t
American Board. On August 27 M
Doris Fall Smith sailed for Japan. A
er two years in the language school
Tokyo she expects to be connect
with a girls' school and to be engag
in social service work among Japa
ese young women. Miss Smith, w
was formerly connected with the B
tist denomination, is a graduate of t
University of Redlands. She receiv
her master's degree from Columb
University and has had work at Uni
Seminary and a year at the Paci
School of Religion. For one year s
served as traveling secretary for t
Student Volunteer movement.

On Sunday evening, June 20, Mi
Smith and Mrs. Ruth Fye Eckert, w
was recently an American Board m
sionary at Guadalajara, Mexico, we
the speakers at a union service of
the Ontario churches held in Chaff
amphitheatre. Miss Smith gave an
spiring talk on "Why I Am Going
Japan." At the close of the meeti
the members and friends of the chur
adjourned to the Bethel Church whe
in a brief and impressive ceremo
the pastor, Rev. C. L. Knight, receiv
Miss Smith into membership of t
Congregational Church.

At this meeting it was announc
that Miss Eudora Fredendall had r
ceived an appointment from the Ame
ican Board to teach in Bridgem
Academy, Peking, China. Miss Frede
dall has grown up in Bethel Chur
and has always been active in t
young people's work. She is a grad
ate of Pomona College and, during t
past year, has been teaching in Sale
Mass.

IF ALL THE SKIES

If all the skies were sunshine
Our faces would be fain
To feel once more upon them
The cooling plash of rain.

If all the world were music,
Our hearts would often long
For one sweet strain of silence,
To break the endless song.

If life were always merry
Our souls would seek relief,
And rest from weary laughter
In the quiet arms of grief.

—Henry Van Dyke.